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1. ON MAY 1ST BRITISH EMBASSY PROPOSED COMPUTER DISCUSSIONS WASHINGTON MAY 20-21 AND GENERAL COCOM DISCUSSION MAY 17 AS FOLLOW-UP ON THE DISCUSSIONS LAST SEPTEMBER 17-19 BETWEEN PETER PRESTON AND WILLIS ARMSTRONG. EXPLAINED INABILITY TO MEET EARLIER RESULTED FROM UNAVAILABILITY OF ALL NECESSARY PARTICIPANTS. PETER MARSHALL WOULD COME FOR THE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS RATHER THAN PRESTON.

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2. WE INFORMED BRITISH MAY 2 THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED

TO MEET ON COMPUTERS MAY 20-21, ALTHOUGH WE WERE DISAP-
POINTED THAT AN EARLIER MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.
WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL COCOM DISCUSSIONS, WE SAID:

A) THAT U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR THE COCOM 1974 LIST REVIEW
HAVE NOT ADVANCED FAR ENOUGH TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE
USEFUL VIEWS ON OUR APPROACH AT THIS TIME;

B) WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF NEW COCOM CRITERIA
DISCUSSED IN LAST SEPTEMBER'S EXCHANGE, WE HAVE NOTHING
TO PROPOSE OURSELVES BEYOND THE EXTENDED EXPOSITION OF
THE U.S. POSITION AT THAT TIME;

ON COCOM PRINCIPLES AND ON PLANS FOR THE LIST REVIEW WE
WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT HAVE POINTS TO
MAKE AT THIS TIME OURSELVES.

3. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AFTER THE BRITISH HAVE CON-
SIDERED OUR COMPUTER PROPOSALS FURTHER, IT WOULD PROBABLY
BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE ANOTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSION IN SOME
WEEKS BEFORE EITHER WE OR THE BRITISH MAKE FINAL PRO-
POSALS IN COCOM. AT THAT TIME, WE MIGHT BE IN A BETTER
POSITION THAN WE ARE NOW TO DISCUSS OUR APPROACH TO THE
COCOM LIST REVIEW. THE BRITISH MIGHT, THEREFORE, WISH
TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A GENERAL EXCHANGE
AT THAT TIME RATHER THAN ON MAY 17. RUSH

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